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Dear CHC Directors, RHC Directors, Regional Corporation Directors, City – Borough Mayors and Managers, Village Council Presidents:

The State of Alaska, Division of Public Health and the Alaska Primary Care Association (APCA) are pleased to share the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA's) announcement that \$10 million in Community Health Center (CHC) funding has become available for Alaska under the Alaska Frontier Health Plan.

Community Health Center funds are used to provide comprehensive primary care services to needy communities. The CHC funds must be used first to provide primary medical care and then can be used to provide dental, mental health and pharmacy services. Services subsidized by CHC funds must be responsive to the needs of the community and must be offered to all members of a community, regardless of their ability to pay or their beneficiary status.

For your reference, the following items have been included in this mailing:

- The HRSA Frontier Initiative funding announcement
- Policy Information Notice (PIN) 2001-18 "Requirements of Funding Opportunities for New Start and Expansion Grant Applications for Health Centers"
- PIN 98-23 "Health Center Program Expectations"
- The Health Centers Consolidation Act of 1996
- A technical assistance contact sheet
- APCA and Division of Public Health agency brochures
- Form PHS-5161-1.

The PIN 2001-18 is the application guidance for the Alaska Frontier Health Plan, while Form 5161-1 is the application, and includes all forms you will need.

The application process for CHC funding under this Frontier Initiative will be as follows:

1. Organizations interested in applying for this funding are asked send a letter of intent to Pat Carr, State of Alaska, Division of Public Health, CHEMS, PO Box 110616, Juneau, Alaska, 99811.
2. The APCA, the Division of Public Health, and HRSA's Seattle Field Office are available for technical review and suggestions. To assist applicants in presenting the most competitive application possible, we are requesting all applicants to participate in the review process. Thus, we ask that you send a first draft copy of your CHC application narrative and budget sections electronically to Pat Carr (Pat_Carr@health.state.ak.us) by 5/28/02 at 9:00 am.

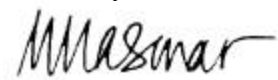
3. The final application must be postmarked no later than 6/20/02. Final applications must be sent to the address listed on the attached HRSA letter. We request a courtesy copy be sent to Pat Carr at the address listed above, and also encourage you to send a courtesy copy to Beryl Cochran as noted in the HRSA letter.

In addition to the review process, the APCA, the Division of Public Health and the HRSA Seattle Field Office are offering other opportunities for technical assistance.

- There will be weekly conference calls hosted by staff from the APCA, Division of Public health, and Beryl Cochran of the HRSA Seattle Field Office. The purpose of these calls is to provide a time to ask questions as you move through the application process. These calls will begin Wednesday, May 15th, and will be held every Wednesday at 2:00 pm. They will continue through 6/19/02. To access this call dial 1-800-315-6338, and enter code 330# when prompted.
- And, a technical assistance workshop will be held in Anchorage on May 30, 2002 beginning at 9:00 am. More information on this technical assistance workshop will be distributed shortly.

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We and all of the staff of the APCA and the Division of Public Health look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,



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cc Beryl Cochran, HRSA Seattle Field Office